

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 15, the specification and the Abstract are amended. No new matter is added. Reconsideration of the application based on the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The Office Action alleges that "at least one vane," as recited in claims 1, 7 and 15, is not shown in the figures. By this Amendment, "at least one vane" has been changed to "at least one vane portion" to clarify this feature. Applicants respectfully assert that at least one vane portion is clearly shown in Fig. 1 as items 72 or 74. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The specification is objected to because the Abstract exceeds 150 words and because the Abstract includes reference characters which are not enclosed within parenthesis. By this Amendment, the Abstract has been amended to remove reference characters and such that it does not exceed 150 words. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

The specification is objected to for allegedly failing to provide antecedent basis for "at least one vane," as recited in claims 1, 7 and 15. By this Amendment, the specification (paragraphs [0004], [00011], [0016] and [0020]) is amended to provide adequate support for the claimed feature of "at least one vane portion." Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 7 and 15 are objected to because "at least one vane" allegedly needs to be incorporated into the specification and drawings. As discussed above, by this amendment "at least one vane" has been changed to "at least one vane portion," and this feature is supported

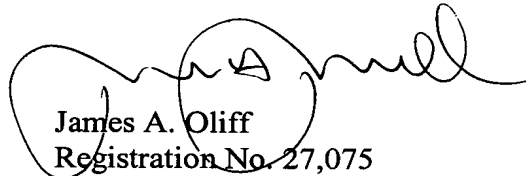
by both the amended specification and drawings. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1 and 15 are objected to because "one of said plurality of vanes" lacks antecedent basis. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7 and 15 have been amended to provide antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Substitute Abstract

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